

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY / NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY BETHESDA
BRAC INTEGRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY – MAY 17, 2016**

- **Ilaya Hopkins called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.**
 - **BIC and audience members introduced themselves.** New BIC members included: Eric Osberg representing the Stone Ridge School, Susan Roberts representing NIH, and Jeff Burton representing the Bethesda Urban Partnership.
 - **Ilaya noted that the MD Dept. of Commerce had recently established a committee under the auspices of its Maryland Military Installations Council (MMIC) to prepare the state for a potential BRAC, and that neither Montgomery County nor NSAB are represented on the panel.** Phil said he works closely with the MMIC and was aware of the new BRAC panel. He said that the BRAC panel is focusing on installations that are more threatened by a potential BRAC but that NSAB is highly unlikely to be impacted by a BRAC.
 - <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/bs-md-brac-group-20160511-story.html>
 - <http://commerce.maryland.gov/media/maryland-creates-brac-advisory-group>
- **Updates from Phil Alperson, Montgomery County Military Installations (BRAC) Coordinator:**
 - **Matters discussed at BIC meetings are detailed chronologically with background material on the website's "Get Involved" Page:**
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/Content/EXEC/brac/getinvolved.asp>
 - **Printable Timeline: Anticipated Construction-Related Traffic Disruptions in Bethesda:**
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/resources/files/brac_projects_timeline.pdf
 - **BRAC Transportation Projects and Commuting Options:**
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/content/exec/brac/projects_glance.asp
 - **Phil urged BIC members to use the SHA Contact Forms that are posted on the web site if they have questions or concerns about specific Intersection Improvement Projects, or any SHA project in the area:**

- **Rockville Pike (MD 355) / Cedar Lane Intersection Project:**
<http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectSchedule.aspx?projectno=MO5935215>
- **Old Georgetown Road (MD 187) / West Cedar Lane Intersection project:**
<http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectSchedule.aspx?projectno=MO5935315>
- **Any State-managed Road (generally, roads identified with numbers, i.e. MD 355 or I-270:**
http://marylandsha.force.com/customercare/request_for_service
- **Phil reminded the Committee to get traffic and BRAC news and information first by following Montgomery County BRAC on Twitter @BracMoCoMD .**
- **MD 355 Multimodal Crossing Project:** Phil reported that MCDOT and the two contractors that submitted bids in July based on the Request for Proposals (Clark Construction and Corman-Bradshaw Joint Venture) had agreed to a second extension of the deadline to determine the winning bid, from April 12, 2016 to July 12 2016. Phil said he was not at liberty to discuss any details about the bids because the confidential competitive bidding process was still under way.
 - **1-17-15 MCDOT Presentation (requires Adobe Flash Player):**
https://prezi.com/vyzxo9dddmj2/md-355-crossing-brac/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy
 - **PDF version (6 pp):**
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/Resources/Files/MMX-MCDOT-BIC-RFP-120214.pdf>
 - **CROSSING PROJECT OVERVIEW:**
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/projects/metro_mc.html
- **Elmhirst Parkway Bridge reconstruction: MCDOT will soon begin reconstructing the Elmhirst Parkway Bridge in the Locust Hill neighborhood.** The project may begin in June or July. The bridge will be closed for at least three months, weather permitting. This won't affect school bus routes as school buses are prohibited from using the bridge.
 - http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=14005
 - <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/elmhirst/newindex.html>
- **Platt Ridge Drive extension: MCDOT recently put out bods for contractors.** The project should be completed mid-2017, weather permitting.
 - http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/projects/platt_ridge.html
- **BRT Update: MCDOT and MDOT recently hosted workshops on the proposed MD 355 BRT Corridor from Clarksburg to Bethesda. A**

subsequent workshop is planned for June.

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/RTS/Resources/Files/MD%20355%20CAC%20Mtg%205%20South_FINAL%20Presentation.pdf

- **SHA UPDATES:** Phil shared a memo from Christopher Bishop of SHA that provided updates on the two active BRAC Intersection Projects in Bethesda, at MD 355 (Rockville Pike)/Cedar Lane/West Cedar Lane, and at MD 187 (Old Georgetown Road)/West Cedar Lane/Oakmont Avenue: The Cedar Lane project is in the home stretch at 81.7% complete; completion is projected for late summer 2016, weather permitting. The OGR/WCL project is 34% complete; completion is estimated for late fall 2016, weather permitting.
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/Resources/Files/SHA-BIC-BethesdaBRAC_Updates-051716.pdf
 - **Phil reported that the Dynamic Signaling at MD 355/Jones Bridge Road will be activated in the near future.** Signaling hardware is currently being tested by MCDOT. When activated, signaling will allow two left turn lanes from southbound MD 355 onto eastbound Jones Bridge Road during the evening rush hour.
 - http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/brac_map.html
 - **Patrick O’Neil informed the BIC that the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) will soon begin demolish its retaining wall along the south side of Jones Bridge Road west of Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) and will construct a new wall approximately ten feet further south.** When that is completed, SHA will begin relocating utilities along JBR ahead of its planned widening to create an additional left turn lane from westbound JBR onto northbound MD 185.
 - http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/projects/185_jones.html
- **NIH: Susan Roberts noted several on-campus construction projects.** She said the Trolley Trail extension planned along Old Georgetown Road on NIH ROW from north of Cedar Lane to south of the NIH gate will begin in the near future. There are issues related to an NIH sign that is located in the ROW planned for the Trolley Trail.
- **NSAB UPDATES:** Captain Marvin Jones, NSAB Base Commander, introduced a panel from NSAB to lead a presentation of a “Naval Support Activity Bethesda Comprehensive Master Plan Construction Projects Update.”
http://www.dcmilitary.com/journal/commanders_column/major-construction-begins-on-naval-support-activity-bethesda/article_535898e9-47d0-53d1-8260-aff661500a33.html

The update focused projects that are, or will be, under construction through approximately 2020:

- **P-131: Electrical Capacity and Cooling Tower;**

- **P-112: Base Enhancements for appearance and accessibility;**
- **P-116: Parking Garage;**
- **P-130: Mechanical & Electrical Improvements (Utility Relocation);**
- **P-125: Temporary Medical Facilities** (swing space during construction of P-114); and
- **P-114: Medical Center Alteration & Addition:** This is the biggest project, to demolish five small buildings in the interior of WRNMMC and replace them with a single “Building C.”

NSAB plans for construction trucks to approach the campus in the morning via the Beltway, Connecticut Avenue (MD 185), and JBR using the USUHS entrance, and then exit the campus at the end of the day via the North Gate onto MD 355 to the Beltway. Residents reminded NSAB that the future SHA intersection project at MD 185/JBR might conflict with this plan.

- **COMMUNITY ISSUES:**

- **Suburban Hospital (Johns Hopkins Medicine):** Leslie Weber noted progress on construction for Suburban’s Hospital Expansion project:
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/Resources/Files/BIC-SuburbanUpdate-011916.pdf>
- **SHA Construction Projects:** Residents expressed serious safety concerns about lack of striping on MD 355 through the Cedar Lane intersection. There were also concerns about SHA’s lack of representation at BIC meetings. Phil said he would contact SHA about these matters.
- **Ilaya mentioned an article published recently in the NIH Record of local historical interest:** “Slice of 1930s Saved: Last of 'Treetops,' Bldg. 15K Is Refurbished”
<http://commerce.maryland.gov/media/maryland-creates-brac-advisory-group>

- **Ilaya adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the BCC Regional Services Center.**

BRAC Committee members in attendance, May 17, 2016:

Phil Alperson, Montgomery County Military Installations (BRAC) Coordinator
 Jeff Burton for Dave Dabney, Bethesda Urban Partnership
 Ilaya Hopkins, East Bethesda Citizens Assn. and Chair of the BRAC Integration Committee
 Ginanne Italiano, Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce
 Richard Levine, Locust Hill Citizens Association
 Janet Maalouf, Maplewood Citizens Association
 Debbie Michaels, Glenbrook Village Home Owners Association
 Sara Morningstar, Montgomery County Office of Intergovernmental Relations

Patrick O'Neil, Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce
Eric Osberg, Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
Susan Roberts, National Institutes of Health
Leslie Weber, Suburban Hospital (Johns Hopkins Medicine)

Ex-officio:

Captain Marvin Jones, Commander, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
CDR Jason Chung, Public Works Officer, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Ryan Emery, Installation Transportation Officer, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Ron Inman, Public Affairs Officer, Naval Support Activity Bethesda
Bill Sadlon, NEPA Program Manager, NAVFAC Washington
Joan Kleinman, Office of Congressman Chris Van Hollen
Drew Morrison, Office of Council Member Roger Berliner
Rebecca Stryer, Office of Delegate Marc Korman

Other Attendees (signed in)

Jeanette Musil, DOD Office of Economic Adjustment
Ellen Larsen, Sonoma Citizens Association
Paul Seder